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Sunway links with Hong Leong to provide internships

SUNWAY University is collaborating with Hong Leong Bank Bhd to provide internship placements for the students of BSc (Hons) Financial Analysis and the BSc (Hons) Financial Economics.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed recently at Sunway University.

Sunway was represented by Business School dean Professor Steve Williams and Hong Leong was represented by its Global Markets Division chief operating officer Hor Kwok Wai.

Williams said the university aimed to nurture employable graduates who possess practical working and communication skills.

"We believe this partnership with Hong Leong Bank will further enhance our Department of Financial Mathematics and Statistics graduates' employability," he said.

He said the holistic study experience would equip students with academic and soft skills that would make them industry-ready by the time they graduate.

Hor said building a young talent pool was critical to the success of any business.

"This is why Hong Leong Bank is pleased to partner with Sunway University to provide students from its Department of Financial Mathematics and Statistics with a practical Global Markets internship experience," he said.

"Being an actuarial graduate myself, I know the course gives us a head start in the Global Markets business as we have a precise understanding of the financial mathematics behind all financial products.

"The division hopes to retain the top interns upon graduation," he said.

Students Charissa Phua went through a three-month internship programme at the Hong Leong Bank Global Markets (GM) Department last year.

Phua, a final semester student of the BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Studies, had met great mentors and colleagues who taught and gave her advice.

"Prior to my internship, I had to undergo a week of workshops to learn the core values and structure of Hong Leong and their investment products as part of the induction programme under the Human Resource Learning and Development Team," she said.

Phua said during the three-month internship, she gained knowledge by rotating at desks within the Front Office and Back Office of GM, Risk Management and Compliance Department, and the Business Intelligence and Analytics Unit.

BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Studies student Mandy Leow Hooi Vuan said she was given many opportunities throughout her internship in Hong Leong to test the practicality of the knowledge she learnt in class.

"It is without a doubt that we learnt a lot during classes, but in practice, most of the things that we learnt would require a certain amount of modifications in order for it to be applied accordingly.

"My internship has helped me as I had to think and act on the job with the knowledge gained from our studies," she said.

Present at the signing were representatives from Sunway University and Hong Leong.

For more information about the BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Studies, BSc (Hons) Financial Analysis, BSc (Hons) Financial Economics or any other programmes under Sunway University Business School, please log on to www.sunway.edu.my/university/SUBS or email info@sunway.edu.my or call 03-7491 8622.

Alternatively, drop by the campus today or on March 19 and 20 from 10am to 4pm for the Sunway Education Open Day.



Business School dean **Professor Steve Williams** and Hong Leong Global Markets Division chief operating officer **Hor Kwok Wai** after the signing of the MoU.

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